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TO : Chief, Communications Engineering Division

DATE: 20 March 1956

FROM : Chief, Supplemental Programs Division, OC

SUBJECT: Fixed Frequency Reference Oscillator

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can be made. At the present time those services engaged in collection are using either a manually struck tuning fork or a rather oversized electrically driven fork oscillator. Both methods are unsatisfactory on a number of counts --- awkward to handle, too much bulk, and represent additional weight.

- 2. The solution of the problem lies in the development of a miniature oscillator possessing the following characteristics:
 - a) Size should not exceed 3 x 2 x 1 inches.
 - b) Life not less than 24 hours.
 - c) Frequency $1000 \text{ cps } (0 100^{\circ} \text{ F})$
 - d) Stability 1.10-4
- 3. Because this unit is intended only to inject a reference tone, one control, i.e., push-button, is necessary. Its output level should be sufficient to drive a miniature recorder or "telex" headset. There are a number of circuits such as phase shift, transitron and crystal oscillators which have been practically configured with stabilities exceeding 10^{-4} . Recent periodicals have announced the commercial availability of audio crystals in a size suitable for this application.
- 4. This Division has operations in the field requiring such a reference generator and is planning several for the immediate future. Therefore, it is requested that your Division undertake the fabrication of five oscillators. Four will be dispatched to the field for operational support, the fifth will be retained as a prototype for the manufacturer of additional items.

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